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THE

Senſe of the Nation,

Concerning the

DUKE

OF

MARLBOROUGH,

As it is expreſs'd in ſeveral

Acts of PARLIAMENT

IN THE

Votes and Joint-Addreſſes of both HOUSES,

AND

In Her Majeſty's Moſt Gracious Meſſages and Anſwers.

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VOTES

OF THE

Houſe of Commons.

In the Addreſs of the Houſe of Commons, the 27th of October 1702.

THE late Diſappointment at *Cadiz*, does the more affect us, becauſe it gives your Majeſty ſo much Trouble; but this Misfortune cannot make us forget, That the Protection and Security of our Trade, the Vigorous Support of your Majeſty's Allies, and the Wonderful Progreſs of your Majeſty's Arms, under the Conduct of the Earl of *Marlborough*, have ſignally *retriev'd* the Ancient Honour and Glory of the *Engliſh* Nation.

10th Novemb.

Reſolved *Nemine Contradicente*,

That the Thanks of this Houſe be returned to the Earl of *Marlborough*, Captain-General of his Majeſty's Forces, for the great and ſignal Services by him performed for this Nation in the late Campaign.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to attend his Lordſhip upon his arrival, to congratulate the ſame, and give him the ſaid Thanks: And a Committee was accordingly appointed.

10th Decemb.

Mr. Secretary *Hedges* acquainted the Houſe, That her Majeſty had commanded him to bring a Meſſage to

this Houſe, which was ſign'd by her Majeſty ; and he preſented the ſame to the Houſe, and it was read by *Mr.* Speaker, and is as followeth, *viz.*

ANNE *R.*

THE Earl of Marlborough's *Services to her Majeſty, and to the Publick, have been ſo eminent, both in his Command of the Army, and in his having eſtabliſhed an entire Confidence and good Correſpondence between her Majeſty and the States-General, that ſhe has thought fit to grant the Title of Duke of this Kingdom to him, and to the Heirs Male of his Body ; as alſo, a Penſion of Five Thouſand Pounds* per Annum, *upon the Revenue of the Poſt-Office, for the ſupport of that Honour, during her Majeſty's natural Life.*

If it had been in her Majeſty's Power, ſhe would have granted the ſame Term in the Penſion, as in the Honour ; and ſhe hopes you will think it ſo reaſonable in this Caſe, as to find ſome proper Method of doing it.

16*th Decemb.*

Reſolved,

That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, That the Houſe be mov'd, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to her Majeſty, expreſſing the great Satisfaction they have, that her Majeſty has ſo juſt a Value of the Duke of *Marlborough*'s Services, whereby her Majeſty and the Publick have ſo great Advantage ; and humbly to lay before her Majeſty, the great Trouble they have, that they cannot comply with her Majeſty to make a Precedent, by alienating the Revenue of the Crown, which hath been ſo lately ſettled, and has been ſo much reduc'd by Exorbitant Grants in the laſt Reign ; and to aſſure her Majeſty, That when ſhe thinks fit to reward ſuch great Services, it will be to the entire Satisfaction of her People.

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The humble Addreſs of the Houſe of Commons to the Queen.

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons in Parliament aſſembled, humbly beg leave to declare our unanimous Satisfaction, in the juſt Eſteem your Majeſty has been pleaſed to expreſs of the eminent Services performed by the Duke of Marlborough, *who has not only by his Conduct of the Army retrieved the ancient Honour and Glory of the* Engliſh *Nation, but by his Negotiations eſtabliſh'd an entire Confidence and good Correſpondence between your Majeſty and the States-General, and therein vindicated the Gentlemen of* England, *who had, by the vile Practices of deſigning Men, been traduced, and induſtriouſly repreſented as falſe to your Majeſty's Allies, becauſe they were true to the Intereſt of their Country.*

It is to their unexpreſſible Grief, that your Majeſty's moſt dutiful Commons find any Inſtance wherein they are unable to comply with what your Majeſty propoſes to them: But they beg leave humbly to lay before your Majeſty, the Apprehenſions they have of making a Precedent for future Alienations of the Revenue of the Crown, which has been ſo much reduced by the Exorbitant Grants of the laſt Reign, and which has been ſo lately ſettled and ſecured by your Majeſty's unparellel'd Grace and Goodneſs.

We are infinitely pleaſed to obſerve by your Majeſty's late gracious Acceptance of the Duke of Marlborough's *Services, That the only way to obtain your Majeſty's Favour, is to deſerve well from the Publick; And we beg leave to aſſure your Majeſty, That whenever you ſhall think fit to reward ſuch Merit, it will be to the entire Satisfaction of your People.*

20th Decemb.

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe yeſterday attended her Majeſty with their Addreſs, relating to the Duke of *Marlborough*; and that her Majeſty was pleaſed to give the gracious Anſwer following.

I Shall always think my self much concerned to reward those who deserve well of Me and of the Publick. On this Account I bestowed some Favours on the Duke of Marlborough ; *and I am glad to find you think they have been well placed.*

The Address of the House of Commons to the Queen.

1704.

Most Gracious Sovereign!

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses in Parliament assembled, do beg leave to return your Majesty our most humble and hearty Thanks, for your Majesty's most gracious Speech from the Throne ; and to congratulate your Majesty upon the great and glorious Successes with which it hath pleased God to bless your Majesty, in the entire Defeat of the united Force of *France* and *Bavaria*, by the Arms of your Majesty and your Allies, under the Command, and by the Courage and Conduct of the Duke of *Marlborough*, &c.

14 *Decemb.*

Resolved *Nemine Contradicente*,

That the Thanks of this House be given to his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough*, for the eminent Services he has performed to her Majesty and this Kingdom, as well by the glorious Victories which have been obtained by the Arms of her Majesty and her Allies, under his Grace's Command ; as also for his prudent Negotiations with several Princes and States.

Resolved,

That a Committee be appointed to attend his Grace ; and in the name of this House to congratulate his safe arrival, and to give him the said Thanks of this House.

And a Committee was appointed accordingly.

15*th Decemb.*

Mr. Comptroler (Sir *Thomas Mansel*) reported, That the Committee appointed, had waited upon his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough*, and given him the Thanks of the House, and congratuled his Arrival as they were directed : And that thereupon his Grace was pleased to say to this Effect ;

It

IT is a great Satisfaction to me, to find that my faithful Endeavours in discharging my Duty to the Queen, and to the Publick are so favourably accepted.

I beg Leave to take this Opportunity of doing Justice to a Great Body of Officers and Soldiers, who accompanied me in this Expedition, and all behaved Themselves with the greatest Bravery Imaginable: And I am sure this Honour done us by the House of Commons in taking so much notice of it will give a general Satisfaction, and Encouragement to the whole Army.

8th January.

Resolved *Nemine Contradicente*,

That a Day be appointed for taking into Consideration, the Great Services that have been performed by his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough* the last Summer, and to consider of some means to perpetuate the Memory of them.

Resolved,

That this House will upon *Thursday* Morning next, take the same into Consideration.

11th January.

Resolved *Nemine Contradicente*,

That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty expressing the Great Sense this House hath of the Glorious Victories obtained by the Forces of her Majesty, and her Allies under the Command of his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough*, and humbly to desire her Majesty, That she would be graciously pleased to consider of some proper Means, to perpetuate the Memory of the great Services performed by the said Duke.

Resolved,

That the said Address be presented to her Majesty by the whole House.

Ordered,

That such Members of this House, as are of her Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, do humbly know her Majesties Pleasure, when she will be attended by this House.

12th January.

Mr. Chancellor of the *Exchequer*, acquainted the House that her Majesty had been pleased to appoint be-

ing attended by this House this Afternoon at Four a Clock, at her Palace of St. *James's*.

13*th January.*

Mr. Speaker (Mr. *Harley*) acquainted the House, That they did Yesterday present their Address to her Majesty with Relation to his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough*, and that her Majesty was pleased to give this Gracious Answer.

Gentlemen,

I am very well pleased with Your Address, and I will take it into Consideration as you desire, and send you my Thoughts upon it in a little while.

17*th January.*

Mr. Chancellor of the *Exchequer* acquainted the House, That he had a Message Signed by her Majesty; And he delivered it to Mr. Speaker, who read the same to the House, and is as followeth;

ANNE *R.*

HER Majesty having taken into her Consideration the Address of this House, relating to the great Services performed by the Duke of Marlborough, *does incline to grant the Interest of the Crown in the Honour and Manor of* Woodstock, *and Hundred of* Wootton, *to him and his Heirs, and desires the Assistance of this House upon this Extraordinary Occasion.*

The Lieutenancy and Rangership of the Parks, with the Rents and Profits of the Manor and Hundred, being granted for two Lives, her Majesty thinks it Proper that Incumbrance should be cleared.

Resolved,

That a Bill be brought in, to enable her Majesty to grant the Honour and Manor of *Woodstock*, and Hundred of *Wootton*, to the Duke of *Marlborough* and his Heirs; and that Mr. Chancellor of the *Exchequer*, Mr. *Bruges*, Mr. *Coke*, Mr. Sollicitor General (Sir *S. Harcourt*,) Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Walpole*, and Sir *Charles Hotham*, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

Resolved,

Resolved,

That an Humble Address be presented to heir Majesty, That she will be graciously pleased to advance the Money for clearing the Present Incumbrance upon the Lieutenancy and Rangership of the Parks, Rents and Profits of the Honour and Manor of *Woodstock*, and Hundred of *Wootton*, in order to the Present Settlement thereof upon the Duke of *Marlborough* and his Heirs.

Ordered,

That the said Address be presented to her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of her Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council.

20th January.

Mr. Chancellor of the *Exchequer* acquainted the House, That their Address haveing been presented to her Majesty, her Majesty was pleased to command him to acquaint this House, that she would give Directions therein as is desired.

25th January.

Mr. Chancellor of the *Exchequer* (according to order) presented to the House a Bill for better enabling her Majesty, to grant the Honour and Manor of *Woodstock*, with the Hundred of *Wootton*, to the Duke of *Marlborough* and his Heirs, *&c.*

29th January.

Mr. Secretary *Hedges* acquainted the House that her Majesty had Commanded him, to lay before this House a Copy of the Treaty with the King of *Prussia* made on her Behalf by the Duke of *Marlborough* the 28*th* of *November* 1704.

3d February.

An Engrossed Bill for the better enabling her Majesty to grant the Honour and Manor of *Woodstock*, with the Hundred of *Wootton*, to the Duke of *Marlborough* and his Heirs, in Consideration of the Eminent Services by him performed to her Majesty and the Publick, was read the third Time.

Resolved *Nemine Contradicente*,

That the Bill do Pass.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their Concurrence thereunto.

5th Febr.

A Message from the Lords by Sir *Robert Legard* and Mr. *Pit*; That the Lords have agreed to the Bill Entituled, *An Act for the better enabling Her Majesty, to grant the Honour and Manor of* Woodstock, *with the Hundred of* Wootton, *to the Duke of* Marlborough *and his Heirs, in Consideration of the eminent Services by him performed*; without Amendment.

Preamble of an Act, *for the better enabling Her Majesty to grant the Honour and Manor of* Woodstock, *&c. to the Duke of* Marlborough *and his Heirs, in Consideration of the eminent Services by him performed to Her Majesty and the Publick.*

1704.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WHereas the eminent and unparallel'd Services performed to your Majesty, and the Crown of *England*, by the most noble *John* Duke of *Marlborough*, are well known, not only to your Majesty and all your Subjects, but to all *Europe*; who will always remember, that the Alliance which your Majesty's Royal Brother King *William* III. of glorious Memory, had in a little time before his Death, contracted by the Ministry of the said Duke of *Marlborough*, as his Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary, and Plenipotentiary to the States-General of the United Provinces, for preserving the Liberties of *Europe* against the Ambition of *France*, were immediately after your Majesty's Happy Accession to the Throne by the said Duke, then employed by your Majesty in the same Character, confirmed and improved, and others were contracted, whereby the Confederacy, which had been dissolv'd at the end of the last Year, was reunited in a stricter and firmer League: And that in the first Year of your Majesty's Reign, the said Duke of *Marlborough* did so well execute the Commission and Orders which he received from your Majesty,

Majeſty, as Captain General, and Commander in Chief of your Majeſty's Forces, That he not only extended the Frontier of *Holland*, by taking the Towns and Fortreſſes of *Venlo*, *Ruremond*, *Stevenſwart*, and *Leige*, but ſoon obliged the Enemy (who had been at the Gates of *Nimeghen*) to ſeek Shelter behind their Lines. And the next Campaign by taking *Bon*, *Huy* and *Limbourgh*, added all the Country between the *Rhine* and the *Maes* to the Conqueſt of the preceeding Year. And that in the memorable Year One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Four, when your Majeſty was generouſly pleaſed to take the Reſolution of reſcuing the *Empire* from that immediate Ruin, to which by the Defection of the Elector of *Bavaria*, it was expoſed, The Meaſures which by your Majeſty's Wiſdom and Goodneſs had been deviſed and concerted, were purſued by the ſaid Duke, with the utmoſt Diligence, Secreſy, and good Conduct, in leading the Forces of your Majeſty and your Allies, by a long and difficult March to the Banks of the *Danube*; where the ſaid Duke immediately upon his Arrival, did attack and force the *Bavarians* (aſſiſted by the *French*) in the ſtrong Entrenchments at *Schellenberg*, paſſed the *Danube*, diſtreſſed the Country of *Bavaria*, and a ſecond time fought the Enemies, who had been reinforced by the Royal Army of *France*: And on the ſecond day of *Auguſt*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Four, after a bloody Battle, at, or near *Blenheim* (altho' the Enemies had the Advantages of Number and Situation) did gain as abſolute and glorious a Victory, as is recorded in the Hiſtory of any Age; By which *Bavaria* being entirely reduced, *Ratisbon*, *Ausbourg*, *Ulm*, *Meminghen*, and other *Imperial* Towns recovered, the Liberty of the Dyet, and the Peace of the *Empire* was reſtored; and *Landau*, *Triers* and *Traarbach*, being taken, the War is carried into the Dominions of *France*. And foraſmuch as the happy Atchievments of the the ſaid Duke having apparently tended, not only to the honour and ſafety of your Majeſty, and your Subjects, and of their Poſterity, but alſo towards the future Tranquility of *Europe*, Your

Majeſty's

Majeſty's moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Commons of *England* in Parliament aſſembled, thought themſelves obliged in an humble Addreſs to your Majeſty, not only to expreſs their great Senſe of the ſaid glorious Victories, but alſo humbly to deſire your Majeſty, that you would be graciouſly pleaſed to conſider of ſome proper means, to perpetuate the Memory of ſuch ſignal Services, And your Majeſty having been thereupon pleaſed to ſignifie your Intention, to grant the Intereſt of the Crown, in the Honour and Manor of *Woodſtock*, and Hundred of *Wootton*, to the ſaid Duke and his Heirs, Your Majeſty's ſaid Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Commons of *England* in Parliament aſſembled, duly conſidering the good and prudent Proviſion made by your Majeſty, by an Act of Parliament in the firſt Year of your Reign, for preſerving the Inheritance of ſeveral Revenues of the Crown, and believing that the Settlement of the ſaid Honour, Manor and Hundred, on the ſaid Duke and his Heirs, can make no Precedent for Caſes, where there is or ſhall be leſs Merit; do moſt humbly, cheerfully, and unanimouſly beſeech your Majeſty, that it may be enacted, And be it enacted by the Queen's moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent, of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this preſent Parliament Aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, *&c.*

8th Febr.

Reſolved *Nemine Contradicente.*

That an Humble Addreſs be preſented to Her Majeſty, returning the Thanks of this Houſe to Her Majeſty, for concluding the late Treaty with the King of *Pruſſia*; which is ſo ſeaſonable a Support to the Duke of *Savoy*, and ſo great an Advanrage to the Common Cauſe, *&c.*

7th Jan. 1705.

Reſolved,

That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough*, for his great Services performed to Her Majeſty, and the Nation in the laſt

Cam-

Campaign; and for his Prudent Negotiations with Her Majesty's Allies.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to attend his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough*, and give him the said Thanks of the House, and a Committee was appointed accordingly.

8th Jan.

Mr *Walpole* reported, That the Committee appointed to give his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough* the Thanks of this House, for his great Services performto Her Majesty, and the Nation in the last Campaign, and for his Prudent Negotiations with Her Majesty's Allies, had given his Grace the Thanks of this House accordingly, and that his Grace thereupon said, *I am so sensible of the great Honour that is done me by this Message, that I cannot have the least Concern at the Reflections of any private Malice, while I have the Satisfaction of finding my faithful Endeavours to serve the Queen and the Kingdom, so favourably accepted by the House of Commons.*

3d Decemb. 1706.

Resolved *Nemine Contradicente*,

That an Address be presented to Her Majesty, to return the Humble Thanks of this House, for Her Most Gracious Speech from the Throne, to congratulate Her Majesty upon the Glorious Victory obtained by her Arms, and those of Her Allies, under the Command of the Duke of *Marlborough* at *Ramellies*, and the repeated Successes with which it hath pleased God to bless the Arms of Her Majesty, and Her Allies, beyond the Example of former Ages, *&c.*

The Address of the House of Commons to the Queen.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons in Parliament assembled, return your Majesty our humble Thanks, for your most Gracious Speech from the Throne, and with all thankfulness to Almighty God, we congratulate your Majesty upon the signal Victory obtained by your Arms, under

der the Command of the Duke of *Marlborough* at *Ramellies*; a Victory so Glorious and Great in its Consequences, and attended with such continued Successes through the whole Course of this Year, that no Age can equal, *&c.*

20th Decemb.

A Message from the Lords by Mr. Justice *Powys*, and Mr. Justice *Dormer*, That the Lords have passed a Bill Entituled, *An Act for the settling the Honours and Dignities of* John *Duke of* Marlborough *upon his Posterity, and annexing the Honour and Mannor of* Woodstock, *and House of* Bleinheim, *to go along with the said Honours*, To which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

The Bill was read the First Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be read a Second Time.

The Bill was read a Second Time.

Resolved,

That the Bill be now read the Third Time.

The Bill was read the Third Time.

Resolved *Nemine Contradicente*,

That the Bill do Pass.

Ordered,

That the Earl of *Hertford* do Carry the Bill to the Lords, and acquaint Them that this House hath agreed to the same without any Amendment.

Part of her Majesty's most Gracious Speech When this and other Bills had the Royal Assent.

21st Decemb.

The Particular Notice which you have taken of the Eminent Services of the Duke of Marlborough *is also very agreeable to me, and I make no Question but it will be so to the Whole Kingdom.*

1706.

Preamble to An Act *for the Setling the Honours and Dignities of* John *Duke of* Marlborough *upon his Posterity, and annexing the Honour and Manor of* Woodstock, *and House of* Bleinheim, *to go along with the said Honours.*

WHereas the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, having with much satisfaction considered the many great Actions which *John* Duke of *Marlborough* has performed in her Majesty's Service, to the Honour of his Country, and for the Good of the Common Cause of *Europe* (such Actions as the Wisest and Greatest People have rewarded with Statues and Triumphs) and being extreamly desirous to express the just sense they have of his Merit in a peculiar and distinguishing Manner, and in order to perpetuate the Memory thereof, That his Titles and Honours, with his Right of Precedence, might be settled and continued in his Posterity by Act of Parliament, as the Method most effectual for that End, and best suiting so great an Occasion: Yet having always a just Regard for the Prerogatives of the Crown (her Majesty being the Sole Fountain of Honour) thought it their Duty in the First Place, by their Humble Address, to have recourse to her Majesty for her Royal Allowance, before any Order given for bringing in a Bill of such a Nature: And by their said Address did humbly desire her Majesty would be graciously pleased to let them know, in what Manner it would be most acceptable to her Majesty, the said Titles and Honours should be limited. In Answer whereto, her Majesty hath been pleased most graciously to declare, That nothing could be more Acceptable to her than the said Address; and that she was entirely satisfied with the Services of the Duke of *Marlborough*, and therefore could not but be pleased they had so just a Sense of Them; and did thereby declare her Royal Intention to be, That after the Determination of the Estate which the Duke of *Marlborough* now has in his Titles and Honours, the same should be limited in such manner, as is herein after declar'd and Enacted, &c.

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Therefore for perpetuating the Memory of the ſeveral great Actions performed by the ſaid Duke, and for ſettling and continuing the Titles and Honours aforeſaid, and the Right of Precedence in his Poſterity, May it pleaſe Your moſt Excellent Majeſty, that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the Queens moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this preſent Parliament Aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, *&c.*

7th January.

The Houſe having taken into their Conſideration the Eminent Services of *John* Duke of *Marlborough*, whereby the Glory of her Majeſty's Government, the Honour and ſafety of the Kingdom, and the Intereſt of the Common Cauſe have been ſo highly advanced.

Reſolved,

That an Addreſs be preſented to her Majeſty, Humbly laying before her the juſt ſenſe this Houſe hath of the ſaid Duke's Services, and their ready Diſpoſition to enable her Majeſty to make a Proviſion for the Support of his Honours and Dignities in his Poſterity, in ſuch a manner as may be moſt agreeable to her Majeſty.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to draw up the ſaid Addreſs:

And a Committee was nominated accordingly:

And being returned,

Mr. Sollicitor General reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had drawn up the ſaid Addreſs, which They had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and afterwards Delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was read, and without an Amendment agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved,

That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to her Majeſty by the whole Houſe.

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The Humble Addreſs of the Houſe of Commons to the Queen.

WE, your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *England*, in Parliament aſſembled, taking into our Conſideration the many eminent Services of *John* Duke of *Marlborough*, whereby the Glory of your Majeſty's Government, the Honour and Safety of your Kingdoms, and the Intereſt of the Common Cauſe have been ſo highly advanced, do, with all Submiſſion addreſs our ſelves to your Majeſty's moſt Sacred Perſon, humbly to deſire, that as your Majeſty is at your Expence graciouſly pleaſed to erect the Houſe of *Blenheim*, as a Monument of his glorious Actions, and the Houſe of Peers, by your Majeſty's Permiſſion, have given riſe to a Law, for continuing his Honours to his Poſterity, We, your moſt obedient Commons, may be permitted to expreſs our Senſe of ſo diſtinguiſhing a Merit, and our ready Diſpoſition to enable your Majeſty to make ſome Proviſion for the more honourable Support of his Dignity in his Poſterity, in ſuch manner as ſhall be moſt agreeable to your Majeſty.

Thus the Gratitude of the whole Kingdom will remain upon Record to after-Ages, and encourage others to follow his great Example.

9th January.

Mr. Speaker reported, That the Houſe did yeſterday preſent to her Majeſty their Addreſs relating to the Duke of *Marlborough*, and that her Majeſty was pleaſed to give this gracious Anſwer, *viz.*

Gentlemen,

I Am very glad you have ſo juſt a Senſe of the repeated Services of the Duke of Marlborough. *I will conſider of your Addreſs, and return an Anſwer very ſpeedily.*

Ibid.

Mr. Secretary *Harley* acquainted the Houſe, That he had a Meſſage ſign'd by her Majeſty, in Anſwer

to their Addreſs yeſterday, relating to the Duke of *Marlborough*; and he delivered the ſame to Mr. Speaker, who read the ſame to the Houſe; and is as followeth:

ANNE *R.*

HER Majeſty, in conſideration of the great and eminent Services performed by the Lord Marlborough, *in the firſt Year of her Reign, as well by his prudent Negotiations, as by his Valour and good Conduct in the Command of the Confederate Armies abroad, thought fit to grant to him, and the Heirs Male of his Body, the Title of a Duke of this Realm: And as a farther Mark of her Favour and Satisfaction with his Services, and for the better Support of his Dignity, her Majeſty granted to the ſaid Duke, and the Heirs Male of his Body, during her Life, a Penſion of Five Thouſand Pounds* per Annum, *out of the Revenue of the Poſt-Office; and an Act having paſſed this Seſſions, for ſettling the Honours and Dignities of the Duke of* Marlborough *upon his Poſterity, and annexing the Honour and Manor of* Woodſtock, *and Houſe of* Blenheim, *to go along with the ſaid Honours, it would be very agreeable to her Majeſty, if the Penſion of Five Thouſand Pounds* per Annum *be continued and limited by Act of Parliament to his Poſterity, for the more honourable Support of their Dignities, in like manner as his Honours, and the Honour and Manor of* Woodſtock, *and Houſe of* Blenheim, *are already limited and ſettled.*

Kenſington, January 9. 170$\frac{6}{7}$.

Reſolved,

That a Bill be brought in, for continuing and ſettling upon *John* Duke of *Marlborough*, and his Poſterity, the Penſion of Five Thouſand Pound *per Annum* (already granted by her Majeſty) for the more honourable Support of their Dignities, in like manner as his Honours and Dignities, and the Honour and Manor of *Woodſtock*, and Houſe of *Blenheim*, are already limited and ſettled; and that Mr. Secretary *Harley*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Lord *Granby*, Mr. Solli-

Sollicitor-General, Collonel *Strangways*, Mr. *Verney*, Mr. *Portman*, and Mr. *Lowndes*, do prepare and bring in the Bill.

1706.

Preamble to an Act *for settling upon* John *Duke of* Marlborough, *and his Posterity, a Pension of Five Thousand Pounds* per Annum, *for the more honourable Support of their Dignities, in like manner as his Honours and Dignities, and the Honour and Manor of* Woodstock, *and House of* Blenheim, *are already limited and settled.*

Most Gracious Sovereign!

WHereas the most Noble *John* Duke of *Marlborough*, was by several Letters Patents created Baron *Churchill* of *Sandridge*, and Earl of *Marlborough*, to him and the Heirs Male of his Body; and by other Letters Patents, bearing Date the Fourteenth Day of *December*, in the First Year of your Majesty's Reign, in consideration of his great and eminent Services to your Majesty and your Allies, as well by his prudent Negotiations, as your Majesty's Plenipotentiary at the *Hague*, where, to the mutual Advantage of your Majesty, and the States General of the United Provinces, he settled an entire Confidence between your Majesty and the States General, as by his Valour and good Conduct in the Command of the confederate Armies abroad, was created, *&c.*

Here follows a recital of the Duke's former Services, and of the Grants of the Honour and Manor of Woodstock, *and House of* Blenheim.

AND whereas in the beginning of the Year of One Thousand Seven Hundred and Five, the said Duke of *Marlborough* led your Majesty's Forces, and those of the Allies, to the *Mosselle*; where, by the Progress made in the preceeding Year, a fair Prospect was afforded of removing the War from the Countries of your Allies into the Enemies own Territo-

ries; but that great Deſign, through unforeſeen Accidents, was render'd impracticable; and the Enemy taking Advantage of the remoteneſs of your ſaid General, and the Troops under his Command, preſs'd the Armies of the States-General, which were left for the Defence of their Frontiers, with a ſuperior Force: On this extraordinary Occaſion, the Duke ſhew'd all the Parts of a great Captain, and at the ſame time the Zeal he had for your Majeſty's Service, and true Regard to your Allies; by a ſpeedy March he returned to the *Maes*, where a new Face of Affairs immediately appeared, and your Majeſty's good Allies, the Staets-General, were delivered from the Uneaſineſs they were under, *Liege* was reliev'd, *Huy* retaken, and the Enemies oblig'd to retire behind their Lines, which they thought impregnable: But the ſaid Duke, with a ſurprizing Conduct and Bravery, on the Seventh Day of *July*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Five, with an inconſiderable Loſs, forced the ſame, defeated great part of the Enemies Forces, and obliged their whole Army to a precipitate Retreat; And although all the Advantages were not obtain'd, which the Duke had propoſed to himſelf from that Succeſs, yet it confirmed the Minds of your Majeſty's Allies, and produced the happy Conſequence of the Duke's being intruſted with ſuch a Power, as gave him an Opportunity of performing thoſe great Actions which were executed the laſt Campaign, in which the Enemy, confiding in the Superiority of their Army, compoſed of their choiceſt Troops, gave the Duke of *Marlborough* an Opportunity of attacking them, which he did at *Ramellies*, the Twelfth Day of *May*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Six, with ſuch Reſolution and Conduct, that in Two Hours time he obtained a moſt complete and glorious Victory, and proſecuted his Advantage without any Intermiſſion, during the whole Campaign: The Battle of *Ramellies* was followed by the immediate Surrender of *Louvain*, *Bruſſels*, *Malines*, *Liere*, *Ghent*, *Oudenard*, *Antwerp*, *Dam*, *Bruges*, and *Courtray*; and the taking of *Oſtend*, *Menin*, *Dendermond*, and *Aeth*, moſt

moſt of which Places had heretofore employ'd the greateſt Generals whole Campaigns in their Sieges: And thus almoſt the entire *Spaniſh Netherlands*, which had been contended for ſo many Ages, were conquer'd in one Summer.

And whereas, We your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Commons, taking into our Conſideration the many eminent Services of the ſaid Duke of *Marlborough*, whereby the Glory of your Majeſty's Government, the Honour and Safety of your Kingdoms, and the Intereſt of the Common Cauſe, have been ſo highly advanced, did with all Submiſſion addreſs our ſelves to your Majeſty's moſt Sacred Perſon, humbly to deſire, that as your Majeſty is at your Expence graciouſly pleaſed to erect the Houſe of *Blenheim*, as a Monument of his glorious Actions; and the Houſe of Peers, by your Majeſty's Permiſſion, have given riſe to an Act, paſſed in this preſent Seſſion, for continuing his Honours to his Poſterity, We, your Majeſty's moſt obedient Commons, might be permitted to expreſs our Senſe of ſo diſtinguiſhing a Merit, *&c.* Whereby the Gratitude of this whole Kingdom might remain upon Record to after-Ages, and encourage others to follow his great Example: And we think our ſelves obliged to tranſmit to all ſucceeding Times the Memory of ſo many glorious Actions, together with the juſt Senſe of the Kingdom, after what manner ſuch tranſcendent Merit ought to be rewarded; And thereupon do moſt humbly beſeech your Majeſty, That it may be enacted, *&c.*

1707. *March* 13.

In the Commons Addreſs to the Queen.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty!

THere can be nothing ſo dangerous or fatal to the Safety of your Royal Perſon, and the Security of the preſent happy Eſtabliſhment, as thoſe Perſons who endeavour to create Diviſions and Animoſities among your Faithful Subjects, or by any artful Methods leſſen the juſt Eſteem your Majeſty has for thoſe who have ſo eminently, and in ſo diſtinguiſhing a manner,

commanded your Armies, and managed your Treasure, to the Honour and Glory of your Majesty abroad, and the Entire Satisfaction of your People at home. We therefore humbly beg leave to beseech your Majesty, to discountenance all such Persons and Designs, in the most remarkable Manner.

In Her Majesty's Most Gracious Answer.

I Think all who endeavour to make Divisions among my faithful Subjects, must be mine and the Kingdoms Enemies; and I shall never countenance any Persons, who would go about to lessen the just Esteem which I have for those who have done, and continue to do me the most eminent Services.

24th Novemb. 1708.
In the Commons Address to the Queen.

THE great and signal Advantages that have been so wonderfully obtained, so vigorously prosecuted and improv'd, and upon all Occasions so happily accomplish'd, are repeated Instances, that no Difficulties are insuperable to your great Commanders, and no Force of the Enemy able to obstruct the Progress of your victorious Arms; which gives us good Grounds to hope for a further Success, before the Conclusion of this long and active Campaign.

23d Decemb.

A Message from the Lords by Mr. Justice *Powys*, and Mr. Justice *Dormer*, That the Lords have agreed upon an Address to be presented to Her Majesty, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

Which Address was read, and with an Amendment agreed unto by the House, *Nemine Contradicente*, and is as followeth.

Die Jovis 23*d Decemb.*

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in Parliament assembled, do most humbly congratulate your Majesty

Majeſty upon the Reduction of Ghent, *the laſt great Effort of this glorious Year; a Year that will be ever famous in Hiſtory, as well for the entire Diſapointment of all the Attempts, and Hopes of your Enemies, as for the many wonderful Succeſſes, with which God has bleſſed the Arms of your Majeſty and your Allies: The unuſual Length of the Campaign, the variety of Events, and the Difficulty and Importance of the Actions, have given many Opportunities to your Majeſty's General the Duke of* Marlborough, *to ſhew his conſummate Ability, and all the great Qualities neceſſary for ſo high a Truſt; whereby in Conjunction with the renown'd Prince* Eugene *of* Savoy, *ſuch conſiderable Progreſs has been made, and your Conqueſts ſo far advanced, that we have reaſon to hope the Enemy, in ſpight of all their Preſumption, will ſoon find themſelves under an abſolute Neceſſity of ſubmitting to a Safe and Honourable Peace.*

Ordered,

That the Earl of *Hertford* do go to the Lords and acquaint them, that this Houſe hath agreed to the ſaid Addreſs.

10th Jan.

Mr. Speaker reported to the Houſe, That purſuant to their Orders, he did upon *Thurſday* the 23d of *December* laſt, attend Her Majeſty on the part of this Houſe, and (with the Lord Chancellor) preſented to Her Majeſty the Addreſs of both Houſes, and that Her Majeſty was pleaſed to give this moſt gracious Anſwer. *I give you many Thanks for your Addreſs, and am extremely ſenſible of the Loyalty and Affection of both Houſes of Parliament upon all Occaſions.*

7th Feb.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the Houſe, that in obedience to their Commands, he had tranſmitted to his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough*, their Thanks for the great and eminent Services performed by him the laſt Campaign: To which the Duke of *Marlborough* was pleaſed to return this Anſwer.

I am

Bruſſels Feb. 13th 1709.

SIR,

'I am very ſenſible of the great Honour which the 'Houſe of Commons have done me, in the Vote 'you have been pleaſed to tranſmit to me by their 'Order: Nothing can give me more Satisfaction, 'than to find the Services I endeavoured to do the 'Queen and my Country, ſo acceptable to the Houſe 'of Commons. And I beg the Favour of you to aſ-'ſure them, I ſhall never think any Pains, or Perſe-'verance too great, if I may (by God's Bleſſing) be 'Inſtrumental in procuring a Safe and Honourable 'Peace for Her Majeſty and my Fellow Subjects; I 'am with Truth *Sir*,

Your moſt Faithful
Humble Servant,

Marlborough.

15th Novemb.

Reſolved *Nemine Contradicente*.

That the late Victory obtained by his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough*, and the other great and important Succeſſes of the laſt Campaign are ſo remarkable, that this Houſe thinks it ſelf obliged to expreſs, how ſenſible they are of the Honour and Advantages which this Kingdom and the whole Confederacy have received by his eminent Services.

And that Mr. Comptroller, Mr. Secretary *Boyle*, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. *Lechmere*, Mr. *Onſlow*, Lord *Coningsby*, Mr. *Nevill*, Lord *William Powlet*, Mr. *Craggs*, Mr. *Compton*, Mr. *Walpole*, Mr. *Dolben*, Sir *Charles Hedges*, Lord *Lumley*, and Sir *Charles Cox*, do give his Grace the Thanks of this Houſe, and Congratulate his Grace's Safety and return to *Great Britain*.

In the Houſe of Commons Addreſs to the Queen.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons in Parliament Aſſembled, beg leave to return our moſt humble Thanks to your Majeſty,

Majesty, for your most Gracious Speech from the Throne, and to congratulate your Majesty upon the continued Successes of the last Campaign, particularly the Victory obtained near *Mons*, by the Troops of your Majesty, and those of your Allies, under the Command of the Duke of *Marlborough*.

A Victory so remarkable in all its Circumstances, as must convince your Enemies, that the Courage and Resolution of your Troops, conducted by so great a General, are Superior to the greatest Difficulties, *&c.*

In the Address of the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled.

THE last Campaign was so very glorious, whether we consider the Strength of the Towns which were taken, or the Difficulty and Importance of the Victory which was obtained; that we beg leave to congratulate your Majesty, upon the continued Success of your Arms, and those of your Allies, under your General the Duke of *Marlborough*; whose Conduct is worthy of the Chief Command in so just a War, and whose Valour is equal to the Bravery of your Troops, *&c.*

Her Majesty's most Gracious Answer.

I Thank you very kindly for your Address, and am extreamly Sensible of the Constant Proofs you give me of Your Zeal and Affection for my Service, and the Publick Good.

19*th Novemb.*

Mr. Speaker reported that he with the House, did yesterday attend her Majesty with their Address, and that her Majesty was pleased to give a most Gracious Answer, *viz.*

I Return you my Hearty Thanks for Your Address; and the Assurances you give Me of providing speedy and effectual Supplies for carrying on the War, which I persuade my self will have a very good Effect for the Advantage of the whole Confederacy.

15*th February.* 1709.

Reſolved,

That an Humble Addreſs be preſented to her Majeſty, that ſhe will be pleaſed to ſend the Duke of *Marlborough* forthwith into *Holland*, where his Preſence is abſolutely Neceſſary, as well to attend the Negotiations now ſet on foot, in relation to a Peace, as to haſten the Preparations for an Early Campaign, being the moſt effectual way to diſappoint the Artifices of our Enemies, and to procure a Safe and Honourable Peace for her Majeſty and her Allies.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs upon the ſaid Reſolution.

And a Committee was appointed accordingly.

16 *January.*

Sir *Gilbert Heathcott* reported from the Committee appointed to draw up an Addreſs, to be preſented to her Majeſty upon the Reſolution of the Houſe yeſterday, that they had drawn up an Addreſs accordingly, which they had directed Him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Table, where it was read, and agreed unto by the Houſe.

Reſolved,

That the Concurrence of the Lords be deſired to the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered,

That Sir *Gilbert Heathcott* do carry this Addreſs to the Lords, and deſire their Concurrence thereunto.

Sir *Gilbert Heathcott* reported to the Houſe, That he had (according to their Order,) been with the Lords with the Addreſs, and deſired their Concurrence thereunto, and left the Addreſs with their Lordſhips.

17*th February.*

A Meſſage from the Lords by Mr. *Gery* and Mr. *Rogers*, That the Lords had commanded them to acquaint this Houſe, That their Lordſhips have agreed to the Addreſs of this Houſe with one Amendment, (*viz.*) by filling the Blank with the words, Lords Spiritual and Temporal.

Jovis

Jovis 16th Die Februarij 1709.

An Addreſs to the Queen.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign!

WE Your Majeſty's moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Lords *Spiritual* and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament aſſembled, having Reaſon to believe that the Negotiations of Peace will ſuddenly be renewed in *Holland*, and being juſtly apprehenſive of the Crafty and inſinuating Deſigns of our Enemies to create Diviſions among Your Allies, or by amuſing them with deceitful Expectations of Peace, to retard their Preparations for War; do think our *Selves* bound in Duty moſt Humbly to repreſent to Your Majeſty, of how great Importance we conceive it is to the Intereſt of the Common Cauſe, that the Duke of *Marlborough* ſhould be abroad at this critical Juncture.

We cannot but take this Opportunity, to expreſs our *Senſe* of the great and Unparallel'd *Services* of the Duke of *Marlborough*, and with all Imaginable Duty, to applaud Your Majeſty's Great Wiſdom, in having honour'd the ſame Perſon with the great Characters of General and Plenipotentiary, who in our Humble Opinion is moſt capable of diſcharging two ſuch Important Truſts.

We therefore make it our Humble Requeſt to your Majeſty, that you would be pleaſed to order the Duke of *Marlborough*'s Immediate Departure for *Holland*, where his Preſence will be equally neceſſary to aſſiſt at the Negotiations of Peace, and to haſten the Preparations for an early Campaign, which will moſt effectually diſappoint the Artifices of our Enemies, and procure a *Safe* and Honourable Peace for your Majeſty and your Allies.

20th February.

Mr. Speaker reported to the Houſe; That both Houſes did upon *Saturday* laſt preſent their Humble Addreſs to her Majeſty, to which her Majeſty was pleaſed to give this very Gracious Anſwer.

My Lords and Gentlemen!

I am ſo ſenſible of the neceſſity of the Duke of Marlborough's *Preſence in* Holland *at this critical Juncture, that I have already given the neceſſary Directions for his Imme-*

Immediate Departure; and I am very glad by this Addreſs, that you Concur with me in a juſt Senſe of the Duke of Marlborough's *Eminent Services.*

F I N I S.

N. B. The next day the D. of *M.* ſet out, and having made the neceſſary Diſpoſitions for aſſembling the Troops early, left the *Hague* the 3d of *April*, and paſſed the Lines of the *Deule* and *Scarpe* without Oppoſition the 9th, and obliged the Enemy to retire under *Cambray*; after which he made, with his uſual Succeſs, the Sieges of *Douay*, *Bethune*, *Aire*, and St. *Venant*; and had formed a Deſign upon *Bologne*, which could not be executed for want of Time; it being the 4th of *November* before *Aire* Surrender'd, and he returned not to *London* till *December* 26th. Thanks to him for ſo glorious a Campaign, was moved in the H. of L——ds before his Return, but it was by ſome oppoſed; and for that Reaſon the Motion was not reſumed; but this did not ſlacken the Duke's Zeal for Her Majeſty's Service. After about Six Weeks ſtay, he ſet out again for *Holland Feb.* 17. but for want of ſufficient Magazines, could not take the Field till the 20th of *April*; by which time the Enemy had ſo poſted themſelves, that it was impoſſible to force the Paſſage of the *Senſet*. However ſometime after the Departure of Prince *Eugene* and the *Imperial* Troops, he found means to do it *by Surprize, and without the loſs of one Man* July 24th. Next day in ſight of the *French* he paſſed the *Scheldt*, between *Cambray* and *Bouchain*, which laſt Place he Inveſted with the utmoſt Difficulty; and after 20 days open Trenches, oblig'd them to ſurrender Priſoners of War. The Enemy having burnt and deſtroyed the Country about *Queſnoy*, to prevent the Siege of it, his Grace could do no more than form ſuch a Scheme for Winter Quarters, as might ſecure the Progreſs of our Arms the next Year, and make it impoſſible for the Enemy to hinder the Siege of *Cambray*; the Plan of which he fixed before he left the *Hague*, and had actually taken ſome Meaſures in order to it. *November* 18th he returned to *London*, waited on the Q—— the ſame day, was diſmiſſed Her Service *December* 31ſt; and the Conferences for a Peace were opened with the new Year.

F I N I S.